Howland Wood - Curatorial

Mint of the United States
[Washington, D.C.]

1931-1934

December 2, 1931.

Miss Mary O'Reilly
Office of the Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss O'Reilly:

Would you let me know the different denominations struck at the different mints for 1931, as I want to put in the Society's order for these pieces? If you think probably there will be other denominations struck before the end of the year, I will withhold my order until later. There is apparently no demand for half dollars now days. We see very few in New York and people seem to be satisfied to have two quarter dollars. The indications in all countries seem to be for fewer and fewer denominations. I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE MINT

COINAGE EXECUTED AT THE MINTS OF THE UNITED STATES DURING THE MONTH OF

NOVEMBER 1931

Denomination	Pieces	Value
GOLD		
Double Eagles	1,100,000	$22,000,000
Eagles		
Total Gold	1,100,000	22,000,000
SILVER		
Half Dollars		
Quarter Dollars		
Dimes	550,000	55,000
Total Silver	550,000	55,000
MINOR		
Five Cent Nickel		
One Cent Bronze		
Total Minor		
Total Domestic Coinage	1,650,000	$22,055,000

January 2, 1932.

Office of the Director of the Mint
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We would appreciate it to have as soon as possible the summary of the coinage for 1931, according to the various mints, as we would like to report on this at our annual meeting on January 9th.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON

January 5, 1932.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Sir:

In response to your request of January 2nd, this Bureau takes pleasure in giving you below a statement showing, by Mints and denominations, the coinage during the calendar year 1931:

	Double eagles	Dimes	Nickels	One cent
Philadelphia	$58,765,000	$315,000	-	$193,960
San Francisco	-	180,000	$60,000	8,660
Denver	2,130,000	126,000	-	44,800
Totals	$60,895,000	$621,000	$60,000	$247,420

Respectfully,

R. J. Grant,
Director of the Mint.

2 938 248
106 502
3,044 750

3 150 —
1 800 —
1 760 —
6.210

19396 -
4866 -
4480 -
4.742

February 15, 1932.

Miss M. M. O'Reilly
Assistant Director of the United States Mint
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss O'Reilly:

Without breaking any confidences, could you let me know the earliest possible moment at which we may expect the new quarter dollars. Would it be possible for us to get two of these? I was think possibly you might get two and send them to us. We have an exhibition on view of Washington medals etc. and I am trying to keep it up to date with the new Washington items as they come out.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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February 17, 1932.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wood:

I have your letter of February 15th.

The designs for the quarter dollar have not yet been passed upon and we are therefore very much at sea as to when the coins will be ready for circulation. It is possible that we may be able to arrive at some decision about the designs within ten days. After that it will take at least a month to have the dies prepared and the coins started.

With personal regards, I am

Very sincerely,

M. M. O'Reilly

June 17, 1932.

Miss M. M. O'Reilly
Office of the Director of the Mint
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss O'Reilly:

How would be the best and quickest way for the Society to get two each from each mint of the new Washington quarters? Would it be possible for me to send you the money?

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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June 18, 1932.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 155th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am glad to hear from you for any reason. The Treasurer of the United States will not start the distribution of quarter dollars until late in July, and it will give me great pleasure to send you two specimens as soon as distribution starts.

Respectfully,

M. M. O'Reilly

Acting Director of the Mint.

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WASHINGTON

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August 1, 1932.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
156th Street and Broadway,
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

In accordance with my promise, I am sending a specimen of the new quarter dollar. They have just been issued this morning.

May I suggest that the Federal Reserve Bank in New York has them for distribution to the other banks in New York today.

Sincerely,

W. M. O'Reilly

August 10, 1932.

Miss M. M. O'Reilly
Office of the Director of the Mint
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss O'Reilly:

I beg to thank you for the specimen of the new quarter dollar which came while I was on my vacation. I appreciate your courtesy in so promptly sending it on. I have since picked up others but I had this on view on the second of August. I have already sent for the various mint marks. I think it a vast improvement over the previous one and I can see where there will be no trouble on this by the date being obliterated through wear. The reverse is rather good and well balanced, although I think the wings are a little large. I have recorded this specimen as a gift from you - your name is on the box. Again thanking you I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

February 28, 1934.

Miss M. M. O'Reilley
Office of the Director of the Mint
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss O'Reilley:

I have just waked up to the fact that we have not gotten the Roosevelt Inaugural Medal by Manship. How much is it and to whom do we send to get it? Trusting you are well and that the pressure of work has somewhat abated, I remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator